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10 BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

12 In the Matter of	)	FPPC No.: 02/408
	)	
13 MARIBEL DE LA TORRE, FAMILIES FOR	)	STIPULATION, DECISION and
14 MARIBEL DE LA TORRE, STEVEN VERES,	)	ORDER
and OSCAR E. JIMENEZ	)	
	)	
15 Respondents.	)	
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19 Complainant Michael B. Salerno, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission,  
20 and Respondents Maribel De La Torre, Families for Maribel De La Torre, Steven Veres, and Oscar E.  
21 Jimenez hereby agree that this stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political  
22 Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

23 The parties agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this  
24 matter, and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to  
25 determine the liability of Respondents.

26 Respondents understand and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, any and all procedural  
27 rights set forth in sections 83115.5, 11503 and 11523 of the Government Code, and in sections 18361.1  
28 through 18361.9 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the

1 right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an  
2 attorney at Respondents' own expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the  
3 hearing, to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, and to have an impartial administrative law  
4 judge preside over the hearing as a hearing officer, and to have the matter judicially reviewed.

5 Respondents further stipulate and agree that Respondents Maribel De La Torre, Families for  
6 Maribel De La Torre, and Steven Veres violated the Political Reform Act by failing to timely file two  
7 semi-annual campaign statements in violation of section 84200, subdivision (a) of the Government Code  
8 (2 counts); and by failing to disclose required contributor information in a semi-annual campaign  
9 statement, in violation of section 84211, subdivision (f) of the Government Code (1 count), as described  
10 in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, as though fully set forth herein.  
11 Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

12 Respondents further stipulate and agree that Respondents Maribel De La Torre, Families for  
13 Maribel De La Torre, and Oscar E. Jimenez violated the Political Reform Act by failing to timely file a  
14 semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of section 84200, subdivision (a) of the Government Code  
15 (1 count), as described in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, as  
16 though fully set forth herein.

17 Respondents agree to the issuance of the decision and order, which is attached hereto.  
18 Respondents also agree to the Commission imposing upon them an administrative penalty in the amount  
19 of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000). A cashier's check from Respondents in said amount, made payable  
20 to the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted with this stipulation as payment of the  
21 administrative penalty, and shall be held by the State of California until the Commission issues its  
22 decision and order regarding this matter.

23 The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this stipulation, it shall  
24 become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission meeting at which the  
25 stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents in connection with this stipulation shall be  
26 reimbursed to Respondents.

27 Respondents further stipulate and agree that in the event the Commission rejects the stipulation,  
28 and a full evidentiary hearing before the Commission becomes necessary, neither any member of the

Commission, nor the Executive Director, shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this stipulation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael B. Salerno  
Executive Director  
Fair Political Practices Commission

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Maribel De La Torre

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Steven Veres, individually and on behalf of Families for  
Maribel De La Torre, Respondents

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Oscar E. Jimenez, individually and on behalf of Families  
for Maribel De La Torre, Respondents

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The foregoing stipulation of the parties “In the Matter of Maribel De La Torre, Families for Maribel De La Torre, Steven Veres, and Oscar E. Jimenez, FPPC No. 02/408,” including all attached exhibits, is hereby accepted as the final decision and order of the Fair Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by the Chairman.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ross Johnson, Chairman  
Fair Political Practices Commission